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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 885
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Stephen Mullins of Cookeville, owner of Rose, a prize Angus heifer, on his dedication to competition and promotion of the Black Angus breed.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize the hard work and dedication of those young Tennesseans who devote their time and energy to mastering their chosen fields of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Mullins of Cookeville is one such committed young citizen of our state, who for the past seven years has been involved in raising and showing Angus cattle; and

WHEREAS, Stephen, a 19-year-old Samford University sophomore and the son of Ralph and Shirley Mullins, recently participated in the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show with his 14-month-old heifer, Rose; and

WHEREAS, Stephen was joined by his sixteen-year-old cousin, Chip Stephenson and his 18-month-old heifer, P.J. at the Lebanon, Ohio contest; and

WHEREAS, this was Stephen's fourth trip to the regional competition, and he has participated in an estimated 75 shows sponsored by the American Angus Association; his

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father, Ralph serves as the Association's state junior advisor, and Stephen and his cousin, Chip are Juniors in the Association, which has more than 100 Junior members in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Rose was entered in the "Bred-and-owned heifer's" category, which means Stephen also owned Rose's mother, who was bred and had the calf on the family farm; and

WHEREAS, the state show in Murfreesboro is the next competition for Stephen and Rose; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, enthusiasm and genuine skill and talent demonstrated by Stephen Mullins in pursuing excellence in this competition are indicative of his vast potential for success in whatever his future endeavors might be; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we congratulate Stephen Mullins of Cookeville for his persistent pursuit of excellence in showing his prize Angus heifer, Rose and wish for him every success in future competition and in his chosen endeavors in life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.